

Treasury; Robert Liscouski, Assistant Secretary, Infrastructure Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

“TRUTH REVEALED: NEW SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES REGARDING MERCURY IN MEDICINE AND AUTISM”

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness held a hearing entitled “Truth Revealed: New Scientific Discoveries Regarding Mercury in Medicine and Autism.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: William Egan, Acting Director, Office of Vaccines Research and Review, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, FDA; and Melinda Wharton, M.D., Acting Deputy Director, National Immunization Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and public witnesses.

“ASSESSING SEPTEMBER 11TH HEALTH CARE EFFECTS”

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled “Assessing September 11th Health Care Effects.” Testimony was heard from John Howard, M.D., Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; the following officials of the GAO: Janet Heinrich, Director, Health Care-Public Health Issues; and Robert Robertson, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security; and public witnesses.

PROJECT SAFECOM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held a hearing entitled “Project SAFECOM: More Time. More Money. More Communication? What Progress Have We Made in Achieving Interoperable Communication Between Local, State, and Federal First Responders?” Testimony was heard from William O. Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: David Boyd, SAFECOM Program Manager, Wireless Public Safety Interoperable Communications Program, Science and Technology Directorate; and Timothy L. Beres, Associate Director, State and Local Program Management Division, Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness; John Muleta, Chief, Wireless Bureau, FCC; Tom Worden, Chief, Telecommunications Branch, Office of Emergency Services, State of California; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4571, amended, Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2004; H.R. 1787, amended, Good Samaritan Volunteer Firefighter Assistance Act of 2003; H.R. 1084, amended, Volunteer Pilot Organization Protection Act; H.R. 3369, Nonprofit Athletic Organization Protection Act of 2003; H.R. 3369, Nonprofit Athletic Organization Protection Act of 2003; H.R. 4661, amended, Internet Spyware (I-SPY) Prevention Act of 2004; H.R. 4077, amended, Piracy Deterrence and Education Act of 2004; H.R. 1775, To amend title 36, United States Code, to designate the oak tree as the national tree of the United States; and H.R. 4319, amended, Title 46 Codification Act of 2004.

BRIEFING—FAY REPORT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on the Fay Report. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D849)

H.R. 5005, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. Signed on September 8, 2004. (Public Law 108–303)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, the Executive Office of the President, and certain independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, 10 a.m., SD–116.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the investigation of the 205th Military Intelligence Brigade at Abu Ghraib Prison, Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the report of the Independent Panel to Review Department of Defense Detention Operations, 2:30 p.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 1368, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. (posthumously) and his widow Coretta Scott King in recognition of their contributions to the Nation on behalf of the civil rights movement; to be followed by a hearing to examine the